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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of September 13, 2002 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 13, 2002. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$ 400 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner. is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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